
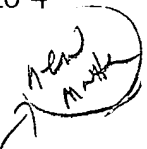


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (currently amended) An antimicrobial skin sanitizing composition comprising:
at least about 60 weight percent of an aliphatic alcohol having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
from about 0.1 to about 5 weight percent of a thickening agent; and
an effective amount of a neutralizer designated by the FDA as of February 5, 2002, as a direct food substance that is Generally Recognized As Safe or as an amino acid permitted for direct addition to food for human consumption, to neutralize the thickening agent, wherein the composition is not a mousse and has a density of at least 0.8 g/ml. 
 2. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the alcohol is methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, butanol, isobutanol, or tertiary butanol.
 3. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the alcohol is ethanol.
 4. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the thickening agent is a carbomer polymer.
 5. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the sanitizing composition

comprises from about 60 to about 90 percent by weight alcohol.

6. (currently amended) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the neutralizer is designated by the FDA as of February 5, 2002 as Generally Recognized as Safe.
7. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the neutralizer contains a hydroxide selected from the group consisting of sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, and precursors thereof. *new matter*
8. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the neutralizer contains an amino acid selected from the group consisting arginine, cysteine, and thiamine. *Al Cont*
9. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 7, wherein the neutralizer contains sodium hydroxide.
10. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the sanitizing composition has a viscosity of from about 1,000 to about 65,000 centipoise at 70 degrees Fahrenheit.
11. (canceled)
12. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the sanitizing composition further comprises one or more components selected from moisturizers, emollients, preservatives, perfumes, dyes, opacifiers, and lubricity agents.

13.-24. (canceled without prejudice of disclaimer and subject to Applicants' right to file a divisional application thereon)

25.(currently amended) An antimicrobial skin sanitizing composition comprising:

at least about 60 percent weight of an aliphatic alcohol having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

from about 0.1 to about 5 weight percent of a carbomer thickening agent;
and

from about 0.0001 to about 0.2 weight percent sodium hydroxide to neutralize the thickening agent, wherein the composition is not a mousse and has a density of at least 0.8 g/ml.

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